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I. Amendments to the Specification

[0018] Preferably, the modular airbag door assembly 34 is secured to the substrate by a plurality of weld studs 66 extending from the rear side 40 of the airbag chute 36. As shown in Figures 2 and 3, along the top flap 60, weld studs extend through the top flap 60, through the flange portion 42 of the airbag chute 36 and through the substrate 26. The weld studs 66 have a head portion 68 that engages and is welded to the front surface 58 of the top flap 60, and a threaded shaft portion 70 that extends through the substrate 26. A nut 72 or other appropriate device is then attached to the threaded shaft 70 of the weld studs 66 adjacent the inner surface 30 of the substrate 26 to secure the door panel 48 and the airbag chute 36 to the outer surface 28 of the substrate 26.

[0019] Similar weld studs 66 extend around the flange portion 42 of the airbag chute 36 under the door panel 48 to secure the airbag chute 36 to the outer surface 28 of the substrate 26. In this instance, the head portion 68 engages and is welded to the front side 38 of the airbag chute 36 and the threaded shaft portion 70 extends through the flange portion 42 of the airbag chute 36 and through the substrate 26. A nut 72 or other appropriate device is then attached to the threaded shaft 70 of the weld studs 66 adjacent the inner surface 30 of the substrate 26 to secure the airbag chute 36 to the outer surface 28 of the substrate 26.